

Remarks/Arguments

The Examiner has restricted the claims to:

Group I: Claims 28-30 and 52 directed to a filter;

Group II: Claims 31-51 directed to a method of making a filter.

The Applicants have elected to proceed with the claims of Group I, and this election is made with traverse with respect to the claims of Group II.

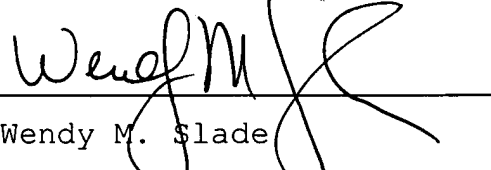
This election was made with traverse with respect to the claims of Group II. It is respectfully submitted that the claims of Group II should be considered with the claims of Group I as the search conducted by the Examiner with regard to the claims of Group I would include the art relevant to the claims of Group II as well. Likewise the inclusion of the claims of both Group I and II would not place an undo burden on the Examiner.

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Should the Examiner in charge of the application have any questions regarding this election please feel free to contact the undersigned Attorney of record at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy M. Slade", is written over a horizontal line.

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